

St. Mary Catholic Church ~ St. Joseph Catholic Mission

P O Box 388, Plantersville, Texas 77363

January 2023



Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston
Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Fr. Edward C. Kucera, Jr. ~ Pastor
Deacon David G. Garvis

Parish Office ~ 936-894-2223

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 12 pm

Lunch: Closed from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Parish Fax - 936-894-3613

Website: www.smsj.org

General E-Mail: info@smsj.org



MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary—Plantersville

Monday through Thursday & First Friday—9:00 a.m.

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. & Sunday—7:30, 8:45, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph—Stoneham

Sunday—7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

1st & 3rd Wednesday: 10a.m.-12p.m. & 5-6p.m.

Or by Appointment—Please Call the Office.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Please call the parish office for information concerning
Sacraments of Baptism, Matrimony or Anointing of the Sick.

Church Organizations & Ministries at St. Mary's & St. Joseph's

Parish Administrator

Bill Jones 936-894-2223

AA

Leland Fougeron 936-870-5102

Adult Bible Study & Spiritual Enrichment

Jim & Mary Barnette 936-851-0155

Adult Confirmation

Sharon Skeans 281-467-0217

Altar Society-St. Mary

Rita Swonke 713-557-5817

Altar Society-St. Joseph

Marcy Pavlock 936-661-6662

Altar Servers

Steve Twining 713-344-6001

Annulments

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

Art & Environment...etc.

Liz Torres 936-894-2223

Baptism Preparation for Infants to 6

Email baptisms@smsj.org

CCE / RE

Cheryl Schratwieser 936-894-2223

Extraordinary Ministers —

Holy Communion & Sacristans

Kerry Masson 713-824-8599

Gabriel Project

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

GriefShare/S.A.L.T. Ministry

Mary Marshall 281-356-2497

Guardian Angels Senior Group

TBD 936.894.2223

Homebound Ministry

Larry & Patty Decker 936-228-9742

Lectors

Richard Prokop 936-597-8688

Little Lambs Playgroup

Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328

Marriage Preparation

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

For Spanish speaking prep, call:

Brenda Martinez 936-777-9720

Church Greeters

Call Parish Office 936-894-2223

Music/Wedding Director

Sue Langston 979-268-6886

Pro-Life Outreach

Nance Shaw 936-894-2512

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation

Don Picard 936-697-0195

Rummage Sale Coordinator

Lauren Twining 281-813-5355

St. Joseph's Cemetery

Justin Mock 979-777-4993

St. Mary's Cemetery

Rita Swonke 713-557-5817

St. Mary's Corner Shoppe

Ethel Barbossa 936-588-4053

St. Mary's Men's Club

Bob Daves 832-205-2791

Stitchin' Sisters

Juli Murphy 936-206-0677

St. Vincent de Paul (for help. 936-894-2362)

Bob Daves 832-205-2791

Write for Life

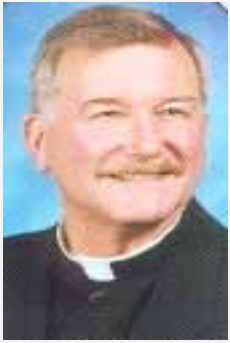
Bob Dean 936-582-6314

Youth Ministry

Susan Horne 281-536-0810

**If you are new to the area and would like to become a member of our parish, please call the office or pick up a registration form in back of the church.
A registration can be completed online at www.smsj.org.**

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...



This month's message is a continuation of last month's reflection on some of the actions that take place during the celebration of Mass that we see or do but don't really understand their meaning. Last month I began with the Entrance Procession of the presider (priest) and the other ministers (deacon, lector, acolytes). Hopefully you'll remember that it's not a parade of the 'important' people or a way 'to get/sing Father to the front'. The procession is a mirroring of our being on pilgrimage from this life to the next...our being on our way to meet Christ. The Entrance Procession reflects also your pilgrimage leaving your homes to journey to the Church for the celebration of the Mass.

Also discussed was why the priest kisses the altar before he goes to his place in the Assembly. The altar, representing Christ Himself, is greeted and embraced. The kiss is also a veneration of the relics of the saint imbedded in the altar. Get last month's bulletin for a more in-depth explanation.

So, this month let's look at incense and its role in the Liturgy. So, what's all that smoke about? I'm jumping a bit because we use incense only once during the Sunday celebration: the incensing of the Book of the Gospel before reading the Gospel. However, you might be surprised and may have witnessed incense used several other times and very profusely. It can be used right after the priest kisses the altar...incensing the altar, incensing the Book of the Gospels, incensing the Offertory gifts...then the priest...then the deacon...then the people. In very solemn liturgies, the Host and Precious Blood can be incensed at the elevation. I'm telling you this, so you won't be totally surprised if you're somewhere and the smoke starts flying.

Incense was a highly prized and costly commodity in ancient society. Its use as towering smoke signified both purification (perhaps also the sense of purifying the air of harsh, unpleasant odor) and the raising of the earthly to the heavens. In the Old Testament the psalmist used the smoke of incense billowing upwards as an image of prayer rising to God (Ps. 140:2) and in the Book of Revelation the golden bowls of incense represented the prayers of the saints. It was only after the disappearance of paganism (c. 390) that incense and incensation was introduced into Christian worship as the lifting of the heart in prayer, the elevation of the soul to God. The incensation of objects and persons was also seen as a means of signifying our lifting them up, purifying them and transporting them into an atmosphere of holiness.

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So, when you see the celebrant reach for the incense, don't think immediately about your allergies, and start coughing. (Sometimes I think it's a reflex rather than anything to do with the incense...just saying.) In our Roman Liturgy incensation is above all a means of heightening the solemnity of the feast. Like the flowers and candles, the beauty of the vestments, the sound of the organ and the singing, the clouds of incense rising to the ceiling and filling the whole church with its sweet smell are intended to aid the senses in grasping the greatness and holiness of what we're doing.

Moving on...What's all those signs of the cross before the Gospel is read?

When the priest or deacon announces the Gospel reading, he signs the page of the reading with a +. (N.B. If there is a deacon present, he is supposed to read the Gospel...his job, I guess...gives the celebrant a break.) Before reading the Gospel, he makes three crosses + + +, one on the forehead, one on his lips, the third on his heart. The Assembly is supposed to do the same as they respond "Glory to You, O Lord", making a cross on the forehead, lips and heart. What's that all about?

What's important to remember is that we are about to hear and listen attentively to the Gospel, the Good News. Hearing and listening are very different activities than reading along and not engaging the proclaimer of the Gospel...meaning paying attention to the one proclaiming the Gospel. (Hopefully the celebrant/deacon is a good proclaimer, not just a reader...or at least a good reader...just saying).

So, as we get ready to hear the words of the Gospel, we pray: (cross on forehead) "May the Word of God be in my thoughts and purify my mind"; (cross on lips) "on my lips making my speech holy and share the Gospel with others"; (cross over heart) "and deep in my heart". This crossing is a deliberate action not rushed through. I have seen even celebrants and deacons do it so off the cuff, small and quick that it seems they are making the Arabic 'Salaam'....lol. How beautiful the action is if and when we see it as a prayer preparing us to hear the Good News of Jesus which the Scripture writers have given us. It may take a bit of practice and maybe feel a bit awkward at first. But it is one of those actions in the Liturgy there for a purpose. Now that you know the reason 'why', hopefully the actual proclaiming of the Gospel is not just a reading of what happened a long time ago but powerful in forming our thought, speech and devotion to the Lord.

(to be continued next bulletin)

AND NOW A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...pg. 3

**MARY WOVE A GARMENT OF GLORY AND GAVE IT TO HER FATHER, ADAM.
HE WAS NAKED AMONG THE TREES.
HE DONNED THIS CHASTE ROBE AND BECAME BEAUTIFUL.
HIS WIFE LED HIM TO A FALL;
HIS DAUGHTER SUPPORTED HIM;
HE ROSE TO BE A HERO. EPHRAËM 4TH CENTURY**

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***LOVING FATHER,
OUR GLORY IS TO STAND BEFORE THE WORLD
AS YOUR OWN SONS AND DAUGHTERS.
MAY THE SIMPLE BEAUTY OF CHRIST'S BIRTH
SUMMON US TO ALWAYS LOVE WHAT IS MOST TRULY HUMAN
AND TO SEE YOUR WORD MADE FLESH
REFLECTED IN THOSE WHOSE LIVES WE TOUCH
IN THIS NEW YEAR OF 2023!***

Dear Fr. Ed,

Thank you for leading us, your flock, through the last 23 years; we've experienced a lot of changes in our personal lives and in the growth of our wonderful St. Mary/St. Joseph parishes. You've always been there for us through the good times and the not so good times. We pray God continues to bless you and our wonderful parish. We look forward to 2023 and years to come with you as our shepherd.

"Your Flock"



BANNS – Ordination to the Diaconate for
Anthony Olivieri

It is herewith announced that **Anthony**, a candidate for the Order of Diaconate will be ordained a deacon on **Saturday, February 18, 2023**, at a Mass to be celebrated by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston.

If any persons know of a serious reason why this candidate should not be called to ordination, please notify

Deacon George Silva, Director of Formation

Office of the Diaconate

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

281-543-2986

george.silva@smseminary.com

Please keep **Anthony and Cynthia** in your prayers as he prepares for ordination into this sacred ministry. May he always be faithful to the diaconal ministry of service of word, liturgy, and charity to which he is about to be ordained.

This announcement is in compliance with Canon 1051:2 of the Code of Canon Law.



THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Pope's Intention: For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Please keep our sick in your prayers:

Jeffrey Anderson, Bernie & JoAnn Borski, Courtney Boyett, Delores Boyett, Meredith Buck, Gary Carmouche, Holly Gilstrap, Frank Horvath, Barbara Hyde, Alice Johnston, Ruth Kolek, Angeline Kotch, Jimmy & Carol Kubeczka, Grant Larson, Patti Lott Stafford, Natalie Mattern, Lance Miller, Hailey Minor, Chad Mock, Carmen Mock Ferraro, Thomas Noble, Matthew Oliver, Bill Parsons, Mary Riedle, Lisa Seigle, Fred & Marilyn Smith, Marie Staples, Craig Strickler, Daniela Syzdek, Yvonne Villalobos, Clara Walkoviak



Names on the prayer list will be removed after two months.

If you want a loved one to remain on the list please contact the parish office.



CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard Wednesday
January 4 & January 18
10:00am-noon
&
5:00-6:00pm

Otherwise, if available, Fr. Ed would
be happy to hear confessions.

Call the office for an appointment
at 936-894-2223

Anointing Mass for the Sick and Elderly

January 4th at 9:00am

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**First Friday Mass**  
January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am



If you are new to our Parish or have been thinking about getting involved with one of our many Church Organizations or Ministries, please refer to the front page of the bulletin. You will find a complete list with the contact information of the person that can get you signed up.

## St. Joseph Mass Intentions January 2023

| <u>Date</u>   | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intentions</u>                                                                  | <u>Requested by</u>                                |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., Jan. 8  | 7:30am      | Yvonne Wirzberg<br>Frances Tomkivits                                               | William & Mary Gorney<br>Malcolm & Susan Davidson  |
| Sun., Jan. 15 | 7:30am      | Sylvia Corolla<br>Frank Tepera                                                     | SJ Altar Society<br>Charlie, Helen, Matt Burzynski |
| Sun., Jan. 22 | 7:30am      | (Genevieve Kuta)<br>Sherry Rice & Thomas, Theresa,<br>James, Cory & John Stepanski | Anonymous<br>Mary Shollar Stepanski & Rice Family  |
| Sun., Jan. 29 | 7:30am      | Janie Wade & Agnes Pavlock<br>Leon Vasek                                           | Sandra Wade Thompson<br>James & Julie Miller       |



PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE PRECEDED US IN DEATH. KEEP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IN YOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS.

\*Elaine Grochett: wife of the late Phillip Grochett, who died on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, whose funeral mass and burial was December 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph.

\*Louis Posinski, Jr.: husband of Mary Anne Smith Posinski, who died on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, whose funeral mass and burial was December 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Joseph.

***Please visit:***

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

***For January's Liturgical Readings***



***Please pray for all of our***  
***men & women***  
***in the military.***

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|----------------|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Sun., Jan. 1   | 10:30am     | Tom Schwartz<br>Sam Blair                                    | Ann Schwartz<br>Mary Grace Mock                |
| Mon., Jan. 2   | 9:00am      | Mary Ellen Lundquist                                         | Paul & Kathy Magliolo                          |
| Tues., Jan. 3  | 9:00am      | Philip Diehl                                                 | William & Mary Gorney                          |
| Wed., Jan. 4   | 9:00am      | Beth Ramsberg<br>Catherine Schromofsky                       | Melinda & Mike Donnellan<br>Janet & Tom Martin |
| Thur., Jan. 5  | 9:00am      | Pat Holt                                                     | Kayla McCormick & Family                       |
| Fri., Jan. 6   | 9:00am      | Mike Castleberry                                             | Paul & Kathy Magliolo                          |
| Sat., Jan. 7   | 5:00pm      | Neil Rosenberg<br>Manuel Bustillo                            | Paul & Kathy Magliolo<br>Cheryl Williams       |
| Sun., Jan. 8   | 7:30am      | Verna & Joe Kaminski                                         | Kaminski Family                                |
| Sun., Jan. 8   | 8:45am      | Gerry Mattern                                                | Patricia Bruce                                 |
| Sun., Jan. 8   | 10:00am     | Edward Tedo & Katie Smith                                    | Thomas Smith                                   |
| Sun., Jan. 8   | 11:30am     | Mick McLaughlin                                              | Friends                                        |
| Mon., Jan. 9   | 9:00am      | Estelle Smith                                                | Jean Ferris                                    |
| Tues., Jan. 10 | 9:00am      | Frank Mock                                                   | Tootsie Mock                                   |
| Wed., Jan. 11  | 9:00am      | Bill Malek                                                   | Laveta Malek                                   |
| Thur., Jan. 12 | 9:00am      | Josefa Lacayo & Guillermina Delgado                          | Eddia & Diane Delgado                          |
| Sat., Jan. 14  | 5:00pm      | Ernesto Lucas                                                | Martha S. Lucas                                |
| Sun., Jan. 15  | 7:30am      | For the People                                               | -----                                          |
|                | 8:45am      | Amber Hoffart                                                | Laveta Malek                                   |
|                | 10:00am     | Toby Seale                                                   | Paul & Kathy Magliolo                          |
|                | 11:30am     | William Mock                                                 | Mock Family                                    |
| Mon., Jan. 16  | 9:00am      | Thomas & Sport Diehl<br>Marcy Diehl Ellis & Ronnie Canatella | Sonny Diehl                                    |
| Tues., Jan. 17 | 9:00am      | Anita Hill                                                   | A. Janice Marie                                |
| Wed., Jan. 18  | 9:00am      | Terry Gabriel                                                | Bill & Gloria Boehm                            |
|                | 9:00am      | Bruce Mercer                                                 | MaryAnn Flannery                               |
| Thur., Jan. 19 | 9:00am      | George Herzog                                                | Rick & Barbara Herzog                          |
| Sat., Jan. 21  | 5:00pm      | Patty Jones                                                  | Bill Jones                                     |
| Sun., Jan. 22  | 7:30am      | Jacob Diehl                                                  | Friends                                        |
|                | 8:45am      | Josephine Swonke                                             | Linda, Wanda, Early & Cindy                    |
|                | 10:00am     | Wayne Young                                                  | Annette & Richard Prokop                       |
|                | 11:30am     | For the People                                               | -----                                          |
| Mon., Jan. 23  | 9:00am      | (Dana Bradley)                                               | Anonymous                                      |
| Tues., Jan. 24 | 9:00am      | Kimberly Delgado<br>Joann & Janine Amort                     | Eddie & Dian Delgado                           |
| Wed., Jan. 25  | 9:00am      | Ted Stephen                                                  | Helenrose Pakeltis                             |
| Thur., Jan. 26 | 9:00am      | For the People                                               | -----                                          |
| Sat., Jan. 28  | 5:00pm      | Frank & Anita Hill                                           | Family                                         |
| Sun., Jan. 29  | 7:30am      | For the People                                               | -----                                          |
|                | 8:45am      | Brittany O'Connor                                            | Her Friends                                    |
|                | 10:00am     | Mary Ann Daliege                                             | Darlene Georges                                |
|                | 11:30am     | Dolores Hoffart                                              | Mahon, Dancy & Romano Families                 |
| Mon., Jan. 30  | 9:00am      | Erna & Ernest Mitschke                                       | A. Janice Marie                                |
| Tues., Jan. 31 | 9:00am      | Joseph Foa                                                   | Anonymous                                      |



## HEADS UP

Starting December 26<sup>th</sup> we will be moving pews and other items out of the church (SM) in preparation of having the hardwood floors in the church refinished. The contractor is scheduled to start the project January 2, 2023 and it should take approximately (2) weeks. We are hoping to get everything moved back into the church during the week of January 23, 2023. During that time we will be celebrating mass in the Hall with hospitality being prepared in the Family Life Center and served in the large pavilion.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Bill Jones

Please Note: The week of December 26 – December 30 we will not have daily mass.

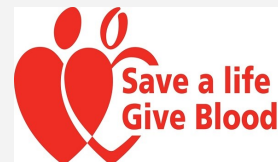
*We must remember that God has no other hands but ours, no other feet but ours, no other mouth but ours. Therefore, God is still going to work miracles of love, miracles of freedom and liberation through people like you and me."*

~~~*Blessed Mother Theresa*



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 2nd in observance of the New Year & Monday, January 16th for Martin Luther King Day

**St. Mary's Men's Club
Blood Drive
Sunday, February 19th**



St. Vincent de Paul Society



Regular Meeting, January 24 starting at 5:00pm in SM Hall

(location subject to change)

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference welcomes new members.

If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please call our President:

Bob Daves at 832.205.2791.



If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance from the St. Vincent de Paul Society, call: (936) 894.2362

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Vincentians of St. Mary/ St. Joseph Conference would like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting our efforts this past year in providing for our brothers and sisters in need. Without you, we could not have provided the help that they needed. May our Lord Bless you and keep you in His care during this year of 2023.

*Thank
You*

ST. MARY MEN'S CLUB

The regularly scheduled meeting
will be held Tuesday, January 17.

Social at 6:00pm, dinner served at 6:30pm
with the meeting to follow in the St. Mary's Parish Hall.
(location subject to change)

Come join us for great fellowship.

Altar Servers Needed!

We're looking for dedicated Young parishioners to be Altar Servers at St. Mary's.



Note: All Altar Servers must have received First Communion.

Please contact Steve Twining at stevetwining88@gmail.com or at 713-344-6001 for more information.

UPCOMING SECOND/SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

***Jan. 22: Bishops' Fund for Latin America**



Annual Screening

RightWay Imaging will be onsite February 11th & 12th to explain various health screenings available and to schedule appointments. The actual screening will be scheduled for February 27th and 28th in St. Mary's Hall

LITTLE LAMBS PLAYGROUP



The SUNDAY FUNDAY ministry is expanding!

Are you looking for a playgroup for your children to get together with others? Moms or Dads, are you looking to connect with other parents and visit while your children play? Homeschool families, are you looking for a few hours of socialization for your children and conversation with adults? If the answer is YES, then come and join us in the hall at St. Mary's from 9:00am-11:00am.

Friday, Jan. 27, 2023 (location subject to change)

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR SOCIETY

Altar Society Meeting -
Tuesday, January 3rd at 6:30pm

Anyone who is not currently a member of the Altar Society, but would like to be, please plan on attending.

JANUARY ALTAR CARE:

Alice Mock & Julie Mock

COFFEE SERVERS:

Jan. 8: Cathy Busa

Jan. 15: Debra Meekins & Julie Coombs

Jan. 22: Marcy Pavlock & Rhonda Sechelski

Jan. 29: Alice Mock & Julie Mock

AA MEETINGS:

Every Monday evening
@ 8 p.m. in St. Mary's
Kelly House.



St. Mary's Cemetery Association

Come help us take down the Christmas lights around the cemetery on Tuesday, January 10, starting at 8:00am. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT **LOANER PROGRAM**

St. Mary's has a loaner program for anyone who is in need of Medical equipment.

For equipment availability, contact the office at 936-894-2223.

We have walkers, bedside commodes,
& various other items available.



Don't wait until the last minute . . .

Get your cemetery plots & niches at St. Mary's as soon as possible.

Prices on each are:

PARISHIONER—\$1,200;

NON-PARISHIONER—\$4,000

Urn prices are:

Brass Box \$100;

Brushed Brass Vase \$140.



ST. MARY'S GUARDIAN ANGELS SENIOR GROUP NEWS

The Guardian Angels is **NOT** having a meeting in January.

GAME DAY will be Wednesday, January 18th at 10:00am - 2:00pm in the Family Life Center (F L C)

Entrée provided, please bring a side dish. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun.

The Domino Group will play every Tuesday in the Family Life Center

Remember to bring a dish to share with everyone



Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center
Houston, TX

Holy Name Passionist Women's Retreat

In this unsettled world today, where do we find peace and allow it to inspire our society across generational lines?

Christ extends a special invitation for you to spend time at a place "where miracles happen". The theme for this year is Rise up in Christ's Love: Generations in Action. Think about taking your mother, daughter, nieces, and/or best friends to grow together in holiness.

For more information and to register go to <https://holynameretreatcenter.com/catholic-weekend-retreats>

Women's Retreat Dates:

February 24-26, 2023

May 19-21, 2023

June 23-25, 2023

MEN'S ACTS RETREAT

February 16-19, 2023



All St. Mary/ St. Joseph men (18 and older) are invited to spend time with fellow parishioners for a three-day retreat at the St. Agnes Retreat Center in Waller, Texas. Spend time deepening your FAITH, re-centering your FOCUS on what's really important in life...and most importantly, growing in your relationship with JESUS. For more information, contact Mike Fortunato m_j_fortunato@yahoo.com



JOIN THE STITCHIN' SISTERS

Are you interested in bringing back a lost art?

Are you interested in having a good time with a great group of ladies?

Think about joining the Stitchin' Sisters. Hand quilting seems to be a lost art that we are trying to keep alive. We are a group of ladies that hand quilt three donation quilts a year. One for the Plantersville Fire Department Auction, one for St. Joseph's Bazaar Auction and one for St. Mary's Bazaar Auction.

If time permits between those quilts, we will quilt member's quilt for a nominal fee. If you do not know how to quilt, we will do our best to help you out. We all have opinions! We can show you how to put up a quilt on a frame, how to mark it, how to quilt it, and how to finish it.

We meet every Wednesday from 9:30 to 2:00 at the St. Joseph Hall. Bring your own lunch.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

For more info, Juli Murphy: at 936-206-0677 or email julimurphy1988@gmail.com.

THE GABRIEL PROJECT is a pro-life parish-based apostolate of the



The Gabriel Project

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston offering assistance to women experiencing difficult circumstances during pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers act to provide practical advice and help, as well as spiritual support and Christian witness to mothers in need.

Our St. Mary's Gabriel Angels are trained to provide some of the following:

- ** Be a resource to answer questions about pregnancy, child care, and parenting
- ** Provide friendship, emotional, and spiritual support
- ** Help with items for a new baby
- ** Knowledge about available community resources to meet your needs

We will have a meeting on Monday, January 9 at 9:45am in the FLC kitchen area. This is for those who are already helping with the project and for those who would like more information or to become involved.

Pregnant and need maternity clothes? We have a large supply of items.

Please phone to set up a time to come and pick out what you need.

Thank you for your donations. Our families are very grateful! Call Wanda O'Brien 936-597-6328 for more info.

Knights of Columbus

Council #4054 - News and Member Update

Jan 10th – Monthly Regular Business Meeting, 7pm, KC Hall, Anderson, TX

Jan 22nd – Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children

Jan 24th – KC Member social meeting, 6:30pm, KC Hall, Anderson, TX

ST. MARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Come join the St. Mary's Altar Society for our
January meeting on:

Tuesday, January 10th
at Noon in SM Hall
(location subject to change)

All ladies of the parish are welcome!

Meeting hostesses:
Cecelia Barclay , Laurie Wesolick & Ann Young

JANUARY ALTAR CARE:
Mary Ann Kloster & Margee Manning

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY

WOMEN'S CENTER is a parish supported ministry of the St. Mary's Altar Society offering support to women/families experiencing difficult circumstances with domestic violence.

The current list of URGENT items needed at the shelter are:

- Big Blankets
- Women's leggings or joggers
- All size adult t-shirts
- Towels
- Clorox wipes

Cold & cough medicine

Please place your items in the basket in the church or the basket in the hall. The Women's Center thanks you for all your generous donations.

For more information about the Women's Center go to <https://mcwctx.org>



The Corner Shoppe

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:



READ ABOUT OUR CATHOLIC FAITH!

St. John Bosco said,
"Only God knows the good that can come by reading one good Catholic book."



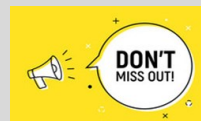
This Photo by Un-

The Corner Shoppe is featuring popular Catholic theologian **Scott Hahn**. There are a variety of his books on display as well as sign-up sheets so that any you want will be ordered for you.

AFTER INVENTORY SALE

January is inventory month at
The Corner Shoppe.

Shop the after-inventory sale!



The Shoppe is open after weekend Mass and every Wednesday from 10:00-2:00.

Rowan's Prayer

One day God will Bring us back together, United with your child, you'll cry no more.

Till then, may we draw strength from each other, knowing that they wait by Heaven's door.

If you have or you know of someone who just experienced a miscarriage, still birth or infant loss or you know someone with a neonatal diagnosis.

Contact Bonnie Haytcher: by calling
941-302-6310,
or emailing haytcherb@gmail.com



Faith Formation & Children's Sacraments



CCE January Events

January 11 Wednesday CCE
7:00—8:00 pm

January 18 Wednesday CCE
7:00—8:00 pm

January 22 Sunday CCE
10:00—11:00 am

Visit the Religious Education website page:
<http://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>
Contact the Religious Education Office-
by phone: 936-894-2223
or by email: smsjcce@gmail.com

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you not baptized and thinking you would like to be a Baptized Catholic? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone interested in Baptism in the Catholic Faith? Or have you been away from the Catholic Faith and would like to inquire on returning to the faith?

RCIA "The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" is the process of educational formation and spiritual formation by which adults become full members in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.

We invite all those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in other faiths and those baptized in the catholic faith that would like to increase their knowledge in Catholicism.

Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Roman Catholic Church or is interested in increasing their adult faith formation are invited to contact RCIA director Donald A Picard Jr at dpicard0710@gmail.com or 936-697-0195



Baptisms:



Infant baptism through age 6.

Baptisms are scheduled quarterly and are usually on Saturday mornings.

Parents must take a preparation class beforehand. Our program currently consists of an online course followed by one in-person session. Godparents are asked to attend this session as well.

Information and a link to the registration form can be found on our webpage at this address: <http://smsj.org/baptism/> once you have completed the online course please forward your certificate of completion.

We will also need a copy of the child's birth certificate. This may be uploaded to the registration form in the spot provided. You may also send it as an attachment to this email address: smsjbaptism@gmail.com

Age 6 and over:

The preparation for these children is facilitated through the CCE program. For registration information visit the CCE webpage: <https://smsj.org/cce-children-youth-sacraments/>
For more information contact: Cheryl Schratwieser – smsjcce@gmail.com

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS: ONLINE

C.C.E.: The C.C.E. office may be contacted at: smsjcce@gmail.com.

GriefShare Ministry



God gives every person their own unique song. It's one that will play their entire life long, through Love that they give and the Gifts that they Share, through the Memories they make the Dreams that they dare... It's a song filled with Beauty and day-to-day Grace, that plays through until they see God face to face. A song that is heard in the Heart, loud and clear, A Song, if we listen, we will always hear. What a Beautiful way to Celebrate them through the song they lived. The song you will carry forever in your Heart

If you want/need to talk to someone, please call Mary Marshall (281-356-2497)

S.A.L.T. Ministry

Single Adults Living Truth

Welcoming all Singles, Widows, Widowers and Divorced folks

Thank you to all that attended our *Jingle Mingle Christmas Party*. It was a Great Success, lots of members networking and enjoying the yummy food from around the world.

This Ministry is for Singles, Divorced, Widows & Widowers in our parish and surrounding Communities, that are interested in networking, meeting & making new friends along with visiting with current friends. Attending social, Spiritual & Educational activities and having a desire to give back through Outreach in our community.

If this is **You** come check us out at one of our monthly activities.

Upcoming Event:

February 11, Saturday: Pizza & Movie, 12:30-4:00 Family Life Center We will be watching the movie *The Shack*, "After, a family tragedy the father Mack has a faith crisis and questions God's existence and life's purpose". A heartwarming & enlightening movie. Please RSVP to Mary at 281-781-5916 if you plan on joining us
Please check FlockNotes for any other activities

2023 St. Mary Men's Club Scholarship

St. Mary's Men's Club scholarship applications for 2023 are now available in the parish office (see Karen Molina). Applicants must be active members of the parish of St. Mary's, Plantersville/St. Joseph's, Stoneham Catholic Church for a minimum of one year.

This scholarship is for each of the first two years of enrollment at a state-accredited trade school, college or university and is to be used for tuition, school fees, required class books and living expenses directly related to school. Grades are not the major criteria in the award of this scholarship. Rather, emphasis is placed on work ethic, attitude, and need.

Participation in parish activities (bazaar, rummage sale, etc.) counts heavily. Completed applications are to be returned to the parish office to Karen Molina by Thursday, April 13, 2023, by 4:00pm.

Do not wait until the last minute to submit your applications!



New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses

Saturday, 12/31 - 4pm @ SM
Sunday, 01/01 - 10:30am @ SM



Support Your Local Parishioners

Auto Repair Services

ToyoMasters Auto Repair
Toyota/ Lexus Expert
Mark Strong
Phone: (936)701-5236

Poton Automotive
Gary Ponton
Phone: (936)894-3409

Bakery/ Sweets

Sonia's Sweet Side
Decorated Sugar Cookies
Sonia Drabek
Phone: (979)739-4551

Dental Services

Montgomery & Conroe
Comprehensive Dental Centers
Dr. Timothy E. Gardner
Phone: (936)242-0319 - Conroe or
(936)585-6611 - Montgomery

Food/Grub

Old Oak Taphouse
17527 Highway 105 E
Plantersville
Dog & Family Friendly
440.281.0354

Interior Design

Designed Interiors
by Terri
Terri Furce
(936)718-5002

Misc. Services

Saddle Fitting by Denise
Dressage, Jumping,
and Polo Saddles
Denise Waszak
Phone: (240)315-4575

KWM Services
Roll-off Dumpster Rental
& Pasture Mowing
Kenny & Suzie Mock
Phone: (936)232-3757
or (936)760-5379

Moon Light Venue
(Max 200 People)
Brenda Martinez
(936)777-9720

Rafter R Ranch
Services and Barn
Building
Rusty & James
Maddox
(210)844-3844

Rocky Creek Metal
and Art
Facepainting by
Sherry
(936)524-3879
Metal Work by Frank
(936)524-7999

Medicare Specialist
Broker
Russell Ross
(214)458-6027

Plumbing Services

Willburn Plumbing
Robert Willburn
Master Plumber
Phone: (832)294-3399

Real Estate

BCS Properties
Barbara Shrader (Broker)
Phone: (936)443-6320

Carswell Real Estate Co. Inc.
Joann Kaminski Kutac
Phone: (281)799-6019

Strong Real Estate Co.
Tracy Strong
Phone: (936)718-8766

Realty Associates
Sherry Henderson, GRI
Broker Associate
(713)306-4719

Tametric Realty
Eric Gensheimer (Broker)
Tammy Gensheimer (Agent)
Phone: (713)416-5280
or (281)844-2534

Tailored by Design Realty
Team by United RE
Cecilia Maddox
(210)383-8079

Texas Patriot Realty
Todd Ubanoski
(713)304-8827

The Bric Group
Brittany Gutierrez
(469)371-9478

Roofing Services

Territo Roofing
Paul Territo
Phone: (281)356-5124

Veterinarians & Boarding Services

Animal Hospital of Montgomery & The Lodge Luxury Boarding Retreat
Veterinary Hospital & Pet Boarding,
Grooming & Day Care Facility
Joey L. Romero D.V.M. and Mandy Romero
Phone: (936)582-1555

South Central Veterinary Services
Veterinary and Boarding Services
John L. Walla, DVM
(936)870-4033

| Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Saturday: 5:00pm @ St. Mary
Sunday: 7:30am @ St. Joseph
7:30, 8:45, 10:00, & 11:30am @ St. Mary | | | | | | | January 2023 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | *10:30am – Mass | *9am – Mass
*8pm – AA - Kelly House | *9am – Mass
*11:00am – Domino Club
*6:30pm – SJ Altar Society – SJ Hall | *9am – Anointing of the Sick & Elderly
*10am – noon & 5pm – 6pm – Confessions
*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters – SJ Hall | *9am – Mass | *9am – 1 st Friday Mass | *5pm - Mass |
| <i>Happy New Year!!</i> | | | | | | | | *Parish Office Closed | | | | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | Regular Weekend Mass Schedule | *9am – Mass
*9:45am—Gabriel Project Mtg—FLC
*8pm – AA - Kelly House | *9am – Mass
*11:00am – Domino Club
*Noon – SM Altar Society Mtg – SM Hall (location subject to change) | *9am – Mass
*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters – SJ Hall
*7pm – CCE – FLC | *9am – Mass | | *5pm - Mass |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | Regular Weekend Mass Schedule | *9am – Mass
*8pm – AA - Kelly House | *9am – Mass
*11:00am – Domino Club
*6pm - St. Mary Men’s Club Dinner & Meeting – SM Hall (location subject to change) | *9am – Mass
*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters – SJ Hall
*10am – noon & 5pm – 6pm – Confessions
*10am - Game Day (FLC)
*7pm – CCE – FLC | *9am – Mass | | *5pm – Mass
<i>*Special Collection – Bishops’ Fund for Latin America</i> |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
<i>*Special Collection – Bishops’ Fund for Latin America</i> | *9am – Mass
*8pm – AA - Kelly House | *9am – Mass
*11:00am – Domino Club
*5pm – SVdP Meeting – SM Hall (location subject to change) | *9am – Mass
*9:30am – Stitchin’ Sisters – SJ Hall | *9am – Mass | *9am—Little Lambs Playgroup - SM Hall (location subject to change) | *5pm - Mass |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | | Regular Weekend Mass Schedule | *9am – Mass
*8pm – AA - Kelly House | *9am – Mass
*11:00am – Domino Club | | | | |